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SUBJ: TRADE AND INVESTMENT MISSIONS TO KUWAIT

REF: A) JIDDA 4548; B) STATE 176306; C) STATE 178622

1. WE SHARE, TO A DEGREE, CONCERN EXPRESSED REF A REGARDING CROWD OF VARIOUS MISSION TO KUWAIT THIS FALL. AS OF NOW WE EXPECT FOLLOWING DURING PERIOD BETWEEN END OF RAMADAN IN MID-OCTOBER AND THANKSGIVING:

(A) MID AMERICA TRADE MISSION - OCTOBER 27-28.

(B) USDOC SPECIALIZED INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION - NOVEMBER

(C) STATE OF TEXAS TRADE MISSION - NOVEMBER 16-21.

(D) NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS TRADE MISSION, NOVEMBER 23-25.

2. WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF JAMAL SAAD/AMERICAN ARAB ASSOCIATION GROUP ALSO INTENDS VISIT KUWAIT. SO FAR WE HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAD NO WORD THAT IT DOES.

3. WE VIEW THESE MISSIONS WITH MIXED EMOTIONS. IN GENERAL, WE WELCOME THEM AND WE BELIEVE KUWAITIS WILL ALSO BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES. WE BELIEVE SUCH MISSIONS ARE USEFUL IN KUWAIT WHERE THERE IS NO FORMAL USG/GOK COOPERATIVE MECHANISM SUCH AS EXISTS IN SAUDI ARABIA. ON THE OTHER HAND, FOUR MISSIONS IN AS MANY WEEKS WILL SERIOUSLY STRAIN EMBASSY'S MEAGER RESOURCES. MOREOVER, MID-AMERICA MISSION, AT LEAST, IS TOO LARGE AND WILL STAY HERE FOR TOO SHORT A PERIOD TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING MORE USEFUL THAN INITIAL EXPOSURE TO KUWAIT.

4. AS OF NOW, WE BELIEVE WE CAN PROVIDE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO THE VARIOUS MISSIONS, BUT WE HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO STRESS THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE ADVANCE PREPARATIONS AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. IT IS LIKELY THAT OTHER MISSIONS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE IN KUWAIT AROUND THE SAME TIME. THEREFORE, MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS MISSIONS SHOULD BE ALERTED TO A POSSIBLE PROBLEM OF SATURATION AMONG KUWAITI OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN.  
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